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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 16-33 to read:

A test for measuring pile fiber retention that focuses on the abrasive wear commonly experienced in commercial environments is the Lisson Tretrad test, Draft International Standard ISO/DIS 12951-1, which is described in the Test Method section below. The Lisson Tretrad test simulates the abrasive wear that a carpet will experience in a commercial environment where rolling of chair casters over the carpet, heavy foot traffic on the carpet, and sliding furniture and equipment over the carpet are regular events. This Lisson Tretrad test enables one to differentiate the level of effective fiber bind and encapsulation based on cumulative loss of pile fibers, as opposed to the ASTM D-1335 which only measures the force required to completely remove a tuft bundle from the backing. It has been found that there is little correlation between the loss of complete carpet tufts, as measured by ASTM-D-1335, and the loss of carpet fibers under conditions of abrasive wear, as measured by the Lisson Tretrad test ISO 12951-1. ~~For example, Comparative Example 2 below shows a carpet with a satisfactory D-1335 tuft bind of greater than 9 Newtons that still exhibited an unsatisfactory 58% loss of pile fiber under the Lisson Tretrad test.~~